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SUBJECT: KAGNEW 4

REF: STATE 246345

1. SAW KIBEIDA OCT 18 PER REFTEL. I GAVE HIM COPY FINANCIAL TIMES STORY (LONDON 15707) WHICH HE HAD READ CAREFULLY. I THEN TOLD HIM THIS REPRESENTED NEW INFORMATION STRONGLY SUGGESTING THAT CISCO 2 AND KAGNEW 2 WERE IN FACT BEING HELD BY DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS. WASHINGTON HAD MUCH APPRECIATED GOS INITIATIVE VIS-A-VIS PLF (KHARTOUM 2394), BUT WE WONDERED WHETHER GOS HAD ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ELF. KIBEIDA PROMISED DOUBLE CHECK TO WHOM THEIR MESSAGES HAD BEEN SENT AND LET ME KNOW. I OPINED IF GOS HAD NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ELF, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THIS COULD NOW BE DONE ON BASIS ROBERTS STORY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE STATE 245482, I TOLD KIBEIDA EMBASSY CURRENTLY PUTTING TOGETHER SMALL MEDICINE AND FOOD PACKAGES FOR KAGNEW 4. WE WERE THINKING OF SENDING  
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THEM TO KASSALA IN ABOUT 10 DAYS UNDER AUSPICES SUDANESE

RED CRESCENT (LONDON 16020) BUT HAD NOT YET APPROACHED THAT ORGANIZATION. KIBEIDA INDICATED USE RED CRESCENT MIGHT NOT BE DESIRABLE AND SAID HE WOULD SEE IF HIS PEOPLE COULD NOT BE HELPFUL IN TRANSMITTING THE SUPPLIES FROM KHARTOUM. EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, I SAID HAD NOT WISHED MAKE THIS SPECIFIC REQUEST OF KIBEIDA LEST IT PROVE EMBARRASSING. HOWEVER, WE NATURALLY WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR FACILITATIVE GOS ASSISTANCE THIS HUMANITARIAN OPERATION. KIBEIDA SAID HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT HELP GOS IN ITS EFFORTS STRESS HUMANITARIAN NEED RELEASE HOSTAGES IF SUDANESE WERE INVOLVED IN OPERATION. HE PROMISED CONFIRM THIS SHORTLY.

3. AS TO POSSIBLE RELEASE HOSTAGES, KIBEIDA SAID HE HAD NO RECENT INFORMATION BUT HOPED TO HAVE SOME WORD FOR ME IN COURSE NEXT 48 HOURS. I REPEATED OUR APPRECIATION FOR GOS EFFORTS AND NOTED THAT, WITH PUBLICATION ROBERTS ARTICLE AND OTHER MATERIAL IN SS MEDIA, QUESTION EARLY RELEASE 4 MEN WAS OBVIOUSLY OF MOUNTING CONCERN TO AN EVER WIDENING CIRCLE OF AMERICANS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE GOS ROLE IN DELIVERING PACKAGES WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED BY ROBERTS (PARA 3 LONDON 16020), BELIEVE IT IN OUR INTEREST COOPERATE AS FULLY AS FEASIBLE WITH GOS ON KAGNEW 4 IN ORDER MAXIMIZE SUDANESE INTEREST IN BEING HELPFUL. RED CRESCENT HERE IS, IN ANY CASE, A DE FACTO ARM OF GOS, AS IS SUDAN AIRWAYS.  
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